

**Part-Time (20 hours/week) Job Opportunity**

**S.T.R.E.E.T. Teen Mentor  
Kalamazoo, Michigan  
(10 month Grant Funded Position for new S.T.R.E.E.T. Program)**

**Community Healing Centers** is looking for a **S.T.R.E.E.T. Teen Mentor** to join our Team in Kalamazoo and be an integral part of our new pilot program in Kalamazoo's Northside Community!

**PILOT PROGRAM SUMMARY:**

The **S.T.R.E.E.T** Program is an acronym for an approach to helping high risk teens.

- **Survival:** We provide immediate support to help them survive
- **Trust:** We build relationships based on mutual respect and trust
- **Resources:** We provide the resources they need
- **Education:** We provide education and opportunities to rebuild self-esteem
- **Empowerment:** We empower them to move forward
- The results **They:** become effective members of their communities

Our new S.T.R.E.E.T program will provide a breezeway for teens in transition and assists them with day to day issues. It will provide options and allow teens the time to consider healthy choices. The overall goal of the program is to keep teens safe and out of trouble and provide innovative non-traditional skill development opportunities and activities, while decreasing violence/crime, drug use and risk of becoming repeat offenders in the juvenile justice system. Our goal is to assist 20 to 25 teens between the ages of 12-17 during this pilot program.

**Position Summary:**

Work closely with the Street Coordinator on the implementation process and in overseeing the day to day operations of the STREET Program, perform community outreach, provide advocacy, information, and referrals on site as needed, and seek out other training opportunities for teens.

**Supervised by: Prevention Coordinator**

**Responsibilities:**

- Oversee the day to day operations of the new STREET Program to assure the program provides a safe place where teens can go between the hours of 3:30pm to 7:30pm in the Northside Community.
- Conduct Lifeskills evidence-based programs and educational programs to increase skills, change behaviors and attitudes, and empower healthier choices.
- Assist with performing intake assessments as teens enter the program, (case management will be provided by CHC Child and Adolescent Program Therapists; crisis intervention, advocacy, information and referrals will be handled by KCMHSAS Family Support Partner Services).
- Partner with Boys and Girls Club to provide recreational activities and incentives.
- Assist with establishing a Steering Committee of 6-8 people to monitor and assess program activities. Participate on Steering Committee.
- Nurture and maintain healthy relationships with other community affiliations.
- Advocate for, link, coordinate, and monitor participant needs with appropriate agencies and community program involvement.
- Participate in multi-disciplinary teams as required to assess, plan, and review the needs of teens as assigned.
- Provide transportation, as deemed necessary, on a limited basis (bus tokens).
- Maintain required documentation and record services in an accurate and timely manner as required by regulating entities, accreditation organizations, and management.
- Participate in continuous quality improvement efforts as defined by the accrediting or regulating entities.
- Maintain positive working relationships with parents, all agency programs, staff, outside entities and the community.

**Required Qualifications**

- High School diploma or equivalent
- Bachelor degree
- Experience working in the community and with at risk teens
- Must be able to complete a criminal and child abuse/neglect background check

**Desired Competencies:**

- Strong familiarity and connection with the Northside Community and area service providers
- Ability to engage in positive relationships with teens, staff, and community/agency representatives
- Ability to handle stressful situations calmly and professionally
- Excellent oral and written communications skills, ability to operate computer equipment
- The capacity to respond to the needs of a diverse community; cultural and linguistic competence
- Working knowledge of the system of services needed to address the needs of teens
- Familiarity with evidence based practices

**Do you see yourself as a catalyst for change?** Join our CHC team helping to meet needs or gaps within our community, and working with juveniles who are repeat offenders, runners, and reside in homeless shelters.

Teens headed down the path to destruction require time, resources, commitment and a personalized step by step approach to provide basic necessities in a safe environment as they make the difficult transition into adulthood. **Do you have what it takes to step up to the challenge? If so, we'd love to hear from you!**

**How to Apply:**

Apply online with a resume and cover letter at: <http://bit.ly/beacatalyst>

**OR**

Submit a resume and cover letter to our Elizabeth Upjohn Community Healing Center located at 2615 Stadium Drive, Kalamazoo, Michigan

**OR**

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